



GLAD Findings

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD



GUEST EDITORIAL

Frank M. Boyd, A.B.

HOW COULD IT BE?

"... the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Rev. 13:8

"But with the precious blood of Christ . . . as of a Lamb, Who verily was foreordained before the foundations of the world." I Pet. 1:19, 20.

These two Scriptures are tremendous in their import and almost shock us with their awesome implications. Several truths are evident here. God foresaw the fall of His creature, man, and the consequent tragic results both to man and to Himself. The preparation for this situation was made in advance. It was no accident, which caught the Creator unawares or off guard. This preparation for the resulting crisis came before God brought the world, and man to occupy it, into being. Sin is the pre-creation picture, as suggested by the Lamb symbolism and the sacrifice of that Lamb as an atonement for that foreseen tragedy.

It is clear, then, that sin was foreknown, anticipated, prepared for, and the impending tragedy met in advance of its occurrence.

THE WORLD SITUATION

It must be evident to any rational mind that something is desperately wrong with the world-system of human relations, which exists in a beautiful, orderly physical universe. Wrong, even tragic relations exist between individuals—misunderstanding, greed, theft, violence and murder possess human hearts. Wrong relations exist between classes and races—prejudice, exploitation, oppression, violence characterize the world situation. Wrong relations exist between nations—greed,

covetousness, sadistic cruelty, tyranny, oppression and war prevail.

The centuries of man's existence envision one long trail of evil, sorrow, suffering and death. Certainly this cannot be the persistent and ultimate in God's eternal plan.

QUESTIONS

A number of awesome questions, then, must grow out of this world situation and present themselves to the thoughtful mind for solution:

1. Did God not foresee the disaster that would follow the sin of His creature? The answer is certainly yes, if we believe Him to be the omniscient God that Scripture reveals. At this point the agnostic brings in the objection that he cannot defend God's action in the creation of man, if you believe in His foreknowledge of human misery.

This would be a valid argument and perhaps final, if human misery itself were a finality and if the present tragic world conditions were to continue forever, and if out of this welter of human misery nothing better were ever to come. But something better is to come and some marvelous values are to be realized even out of man's failure and sin. We hope to point out some of these values as we proceed.

2. Another question arises. Did God foreknow the fall to be a certainty or a possibility? The answer may not be too simple, but to this question we submit that He did know the fall to be a certainty. This certainty lay in the fact that God in His wisdom gave to man the highest endowment possible to a crea-

ture—free moral agency or the power of choice. God must have known that because of lack of wisdom, foresight and knowledge man, being finite, must fail sooner or later, if put to the test.

3. Why, then, did God put man to a test? Rebellion had already come into God's moral government through the fall of a created being of high rank and dignity in the affairs of the universe—Satan. Ezekiel chapter 28 seems clearly to reveal under the designation of "the King of Tyrus" this angelic being—very close to God's throne, wise, the serpent of perfection, until he corrupted himself through pride of his own beauty and eminence, fell and was debased for his sin. Ezekiel 28:12-17.

God then brought man, created in His own image and likeness, into His universe and gave him dominion over His handiwork. But untried, untried, undisciplined innocence could by wrong choice wreak havoc in God's moral government just as Satan's fall had done among the angelic host.

So a simple test of obedience to God and of faith in Him had to be prescribed and met, as the book of Genesis records, to prove man's loyalty. Through incitement from Satan and as a result of failure to trust God came the tragedy of the fall.

In my editorial work I had some correspondence with a good woman who was in deep perplexity and some delusion over the matter of the fall of man. She charged God with tricking our first parents into failure and then holding them responsible. Her language was to me blasphemous. She went further and complimented Adam and Eve for not lying out of their sin when they committed it and made them more honorable than God. She said further, "Every time I think of the suffering in this world all because God

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WHY USE COUNCIL MINISTERS?

by E. M. Clark, Supt. Illinois
District (USED BY PERMISSION)

This question has been asked by many well meaning individuals. I believe this is an honest question and I will try to answer it to the best of my ability and, I hope, to the questioner's satisfaction.

A minister who holds credentials with the General Council of the Assemblies of God must subscribe to a certain set of doctrinal truths which we all believe to be right. As long as he holds these credentials he will not come into your church and preach or teach false doctrines to your people.

This man has had to subscribe to a high set of moral standards and have proven recommendations to become an Assemblies of God minister. He must maintain these standards if he is to keep the credentials which he has received. You have the assurance that if this man becomes morally delinquent, and it is known and can be proved, that he will lose his credentials with the Assemblies of God and the fact will be made known to the ministers of the Assemblies of God.

There is a certain set of ethical criteria which we in the Assemblies of God have voluntarily adopted. If a man is in violation of this standard of ethics, and it is called to the attention of the District Officials, he will be dealt with by the District.

When you use a non-Council man in your church you are not certain on any of these points. After he wins the hearts of your people there is nothing to stop him from teaching things that you are not in agreement with. If he has been delinquent morally, there is no one to deal with him and no way for it to be generally known. If, after winning the hearts of your people he wishes to go across town and start another church taking a part of your congregation there is nothing to hinder him in any way.

Then the question arises as to whether or not to use Council ministers who are under discipline by a district or who have been dis-fellowshipped. If you will read Section 18, Article VI of the General Council By-Laws, you will find that the use of such ministers is forbidden.



ADMINISTRATIVELY SPEAKING

JOSEPH L. GERHART
District Superintendent



First, if you use such a man, you are saying in effect that the District which disciplined him is wrong. A decision like this should take into consideration that it was made by a board elected by the whole district, and that this board is made up of the best, most mature men the district has for such offices. This Board has heard both sides of the case. You have only heard one side. One sign of maturity is that you do not make a decision until all the facts are in. Any Board of 10 or 12 God fearing men in responsible positions would only make a decision after hearing all the facts. It seems that the individual pastor could not safely afford to make a decision in the matter on any other basis.

Second, a District Board is obligated to discipline members who violate the moral, ethical or doctrinal standards of the Assemblies of God when such things come to their attention. Wherever possible this discipline is aimed at rehabilitation. When they have corrected

whatever is wrong the district will clear them for ministry. If they are used by our churches before this time the discipline is nullified and it is very possible that the things which are wrong may never be corrected.

Finally, we have affiliated with the Assemblies of God because we believe in its doctrines and standards and fellowship. Without discipline none of these things could be preserved. I have talked with many Independent men who have come into the Assemblies. Almost without exception they have stated that one of the main reasons they appreciated the Assemblies was that there was discipline and communication of that discipline to the other members. So, let us think for a moment what it would be like if good standing in the Assemblies of God didn't mean anything.

I believe when we do, we will all vote to keep the standard of the Assemblies of God high and its ministry above reproach.

MISSING AIR ACE FOUND ALIVE!

"It was just the spirit of the Lord . . . I knew he wasn't dead," were the words of a mother who has learned that her fighter-pilot son is alive, a prisoner of the Viet Cong. (AP)

Col. J. R. Risner, who was an air ace during the Korean conflict, was awarded the Air Force Cross for heroism last year after flying his bullet-crippled plane back to base with the cockpit enveloped in smoke and fumes, after a mission in April against a railway and highway bridge at Thanh Hoa in North Vietnam. His plane was later downed over enemy territory, and he was reported missing in action. During these long months, his family has continued to believe that he was still alive and now have been encouraged by letters which have reached his wife and mother saying that he



'is alive'. (Ed. Note: Col. Risner is a brother of Pastor Grover Risner of the Cupertino Assembly. Many readers of *Glad Tidings* have been praying with the family for the safety of this young man.)



PEOPLE AND PLACES

news about
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BERKELEY CAMPUS CENTER . . .

"The thunderhead of revival has gathered steam at Berkeley during the last three months and now a shower of blessing has broken out upon the Chi Alpha Center there. The first peals of thunder appeared in January when Hubert Lindsey made his debut on the campus, preaching the gospel and collecting a crowd of several hundred students. As a result, an awareness of God began to dawn across the campus and students began to discuss Him. At the same time, students at Chi Alpha began to witness with greater boldness concerning that peculiar aspect of our ministry, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The results of these events have been amazing! During the last three weeks, a total of 17 have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. One of these is a former Cal student who now teaches high school in Berkeley. Another a serviceman from the Alameda Air Station. All of these have been a part of the new awareness of the power of God at the Berkeley student center.

Dick Williams, Director

TAHOE VALLEY . . .

South Shore Chapel. "In spite of a snow flurry the night before Easter, we had a record attendance in Sunday School of 82. At the close of the morning service two came forward for salvation. This made our Easter Day especially blessed of the Lord. Reverend Richard Williams of Chi Alpha Student Center, Berkeley, ministered on Sunday, May 1st. One received the baptism in the Holy Ghost and another was saved.

When planning your vacation be sure to visit YOUR Assembly of God church on the South Shore. When driving in from Sacramento, turn left at the first signal light, turn right at the first street and proceed two blocks to Glorene Ave. (between 5th and 8th Sts.). A warm, friendly welcome awaits you and yours. COME AS YOU ARE."

Pastor Gerald Boyd

SAN BRUNO . . .

Pastor and Mrs. Gordon Swanson are pictured on the occasion of the dedication of the new facilities of

the San Bruno Assembly on May 1st. Former pastors, Rev. Alvin Haun ministered in the morning service, and Rev. Ed Cole for the evening meeting. The dedication sermon was delivered by the Rev. Ed Scratch and the dedication service was conducted by District Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart.



Pastor and Mrs. Swanson and Supt. Gerhart
L to R—Ed Cole, Don Calvin (Ass't Pastor),
Gordon Swanson, Alvin Haun.

Pastor Swanson and Ed Scratch.

MANTECA . . .

Pastor Donald Annas and Evangelist Bob Rannells report on the "Manteca Outreach" program . . . "The church has just concluded a Personal Evangelism Campaign with the Rannells called "Objective Jerusalem" which featured Christians' Workshops on Soul-Winning and Visitation. Utilizing a wide range of teaching methods including "lab sessions", these Workshops emphasized not only the theory of outreach but also provided simple yet workable methods for the members.

On the second Friday night of the campaign, we had our first Visitation Service with thirty-five of our newly-trained people willing to take part. Most had never done anything like this before but they had gained confidence through the campaign and by Visitation Night were ready to do battle with Satan on his own territory. Some were afraid but they went anyway and when they came back their faces shone with joy for

God had confirmed His Word to them.

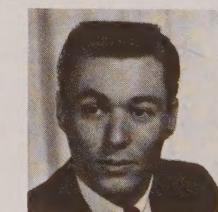
Sunday morning, Evangelist Rannells spoke on the subject, "Timid Christians in a Tortured World" and made the point that the unique thing about the revival that God is sending to this generation is that it is beginning in the pews and not from the platform. For the first time since the first century, the ministry of the average Christian is beginning to be recognized and given its rightful place.

Pastor Annas also relates, "If we are going to reach our 'Jerusalem' for Christ, we know our major thrust must be to reach those outside of our church building and these contacts must be made not only by the "shepherd" but by the sheep as well. The thing that thrills me the most about these meetings is that the Campaign itself is just the beginning. Forty of my people have committed themselves to a weekly visitation ministry and this personal ministry will pay off in souls finding Christ and in people being added to the church."

QUINCY . . .

"We have enjoyed two thrilling weeks of God's presence here with Evangelist Wayne Pyzer of 'Decision for Destiny'. Evangelist Pyzer stressed the importance of 'GO YE' and the challenge was accepted by our youth who put into action Christ's commission of personal evangelism.

The campaign began with a person-to-person literature distribution effort. Every day after school, clusters of young people could be seen



WAYNE
PYZER,
Evangelist

gathering on the streets as Wayne and our C.A.'s witnessed to them. Fasting and prayer at the church during noon hour was a daily practice to fortify their 'stand' for street evangelism.

The number of souls saved during the meeting is just the beginning of the total results which will be realized. The youth in our community have been brought face to face with the reality of Christ.

Brother Pyzer, a graduate of Bethany Bible College, is a fine youth evangelist whom God is using to reach young Americans with the message of Christ."

Cameron C. Holland, Pastor

Bernhard and Doris Johnson — Brazil . . .

Bernhard and Doris Johnson write that a city-wide campaign is to be held in Belo Horizonte in May.

Inez Kreiss . . .

Inez Kreiss left Bombay, India May 5 by ship and is to be on the Coast by July. Mail will reach her % Mrs. George Walden, 4 Vista Hermosa, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94596.

Don and Venda McLean — Japan . . .

Don and Venda McLean report that God has provided a large house and a co-worker for the work in the city of Shimizu. A campaign was planned there for May 4-6. They recently discovered that a couple there have been holding Sunday School and giving out tracts for years.

Fredolf and Ardelle Sondeno . . .

Fredolf and Ardelle Sondeno return soon for their third term among the Japanese. They will be ministering on the island of Okinawa having the over-all supervision of the work. There is a need for pledged monthly support for family and work funds.

Harold and Naomi Lehmann — Ghana . . .

Harold and Naomi Lehmann report that Naomi is home and regaining her strength after major surgery. The mission stations and Bible Schools are short handed and other missionaries are leaving on furlough in July and August. God is helping and it is hoped additional personnel will arrive in July.

Ralph and Jewyl Williams — Venezuela . . .

While the nation celebrated "Carnaval" a three day national holiday, Christian youth there held camp meetings. The Williams' gave Bible studies and evening messages at one of the camps. In April, two night Bible Institutes opened. There was no money for renting a building so two local churches were used as classrooms. Recently they participated in the Annual Youth Conference, held two Sunday School Teachers' Training Courses and a ten-night course of Bible Study for lay workers in three churches. Funds are needed for these projects. Designate special offerings "Night Bible School, Venezuela."

NEWS RELEASES FROM SPRINGFIELD

Richard and Carola Ruff . . .

Richard and Carola Ruff have been given full missionary appointment. Their new address is: Haldenweg 7, 8153 Ruemlang, Zurich, Switzerland.

James and Beryl Stewart . . .

James and Beryl Stewart are now approved candidates. James graduated from BBC and returned to

HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONS

RUBEN A. WILSON

Director of
Home and Foreign Missions



teach in the African Bible Training School and currently is the principal at the new school in Rustenburg, Transvaal, South Africa.

Field Secretary Everett L. Phillips . . .

Field Secretary Everett L. Phillips arrived in Congo in March to find the natives survived the horror of the Simba rebellion. While over 2,000 were killed in Paulis none of the native Christians died. Many

went back to the forest and some have returned. Others have not been accounted for. At present they are building a new church under the supervision of the pastor. It is hoped that the Bible School can be re-opened, the literature program forwarded, the educational program given direction and upgraded and a properly trained nurse direct the clinics.

R.F.F.M. { RETURN FARE FOR MISSIONARIES } Brings Joy

The candid camera caught glimpses of the joy expressed by missionaries for the R.F.F.M. (Return Fare for Missionaries) Program of the Northern California and Nevada District.

Mel and Verna Grams are delighted to receive their first R.F.F.M. check. / "Neat", says Dale Lee when told his fare will be provided when he is ready to leave for Africa. / Bill Williams and family also happily anticipate receiving a R.F.F.M. check for their fare to Europe when their itineration is completed. (True although 9 mo. old Bryan's expression says "Not really!") / James Berry smiles as R. A. Wilson, District Missionary Secretary, hands him the check for his fare to Sierra Leone, Africa.



Mel & Verna Grams with Bro. Wilson



Dale Lee & Bro. Wilson



The Bill Williams Family



James Berry & Bro. Wilson



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FRED J. GREVE
Director



NEWS ITEMS

SKIT COPIES AVAILABLE . . .

So many have asked about the stirring skit presented at our recent District Council called "Beyond the Door." We have written Springfield and are happy to pass along the following information.

Copies of the skit are available together with plans for staging and for props for only 75¢ for the first copy and 20¢ for each additional copy.

Remember, write to Gospel Publishing House, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield. Do not write to "The National Sunday School Department," but write to G.P.H.

NEW REPRESENTATIVES SELECTED . . .

It is always a sort of sad thing when one of our team of 18 Sectional Reps moves away and is no longer a Rep. We welcome several new men to this most-important job.

Among the new faces are Rev. J. W. Henegar of the Central San Joaquin Section; Rev. De Wayne Gorrell of Coast Counties; and Rev. John Hudgins of North Bay.

Also we welcome back to the team a very "old" Rep! Carl Oney, who for so many years did a magnificent job in the Capital Section, has moved to Atwater. He has been appointed Rep of the South San Joaquin section.

These men are here to serve you. Ask them for counsel. Ask them to come and speak to your workers. Support them in every way. (A complete list of all Reps will be sent you free if you write this office.)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS COMMISSION . . .

Seventy public and private school teachers from all over California gathered for their First Annual Convention at the Carl Greer Inn in Sacramento on Thursday, April 7. Coming from such scattered points as Eureka and Fortuna and all the way to Fresno, these persons were challenged and blessed by the ministry of Mrs. Billie Davis.

There are almost 300 teachers among our Assemblies in this District. The group in Sacramento

elected temporary officers with Mr. Fred Flessing of Sacramento as temporary chairman. In workshops and in various sessions the group found themselves excited by being in the presence of those of "like precious faith" who are in the same profession.

They have strongly expressed their desire that the event become an annual affair. Your Director presented a paper called "On the Spiritual Implications of the Pursuit of Excellence" a copy of which is available at this office, P.O. Box 961, Santa Cruz.

IDEA BANK

CLIP AND
SAVE

1. Pastor Leroy Cloud of Fremont Bethel posts very visibly on the bulletin board in the foyer of his church the PERCENTAGE of absentee follow-up done by each teacher each week—the report is that it really gets results.
2. Pastor J. L. Boulware of Aurora, Colorado, has drapery on a traverse rod covering the blackboards in the Sunday School rooms. With the drapes drawn shut, a "churchy" worship motif is created—making the room like a church. With the drapes open, a functional classroom emerges.
3. Pastor Mel Woods of Galt has a "Sign-in" sheet in the lobby on Sunday morning. Every teacher signs in. Each teacher comes early for prayer and for getting things in the room in order (and for getting the teacher in order!).

WEST COAST A.C.T.S. . . .

This District is happy again to be host to the National Sunday School Department as they come to Santa Cruz to present the 1966 Advanced Christian Training School.

The selection of courses available, the character of the teaching staff, the total atmosphere of this great work is a real "gift" to you. Write us immediately for information.

The dates are June 6-10.

BOYS AND GIRLS

"BIBLE" CAMPS

Exciting plans are being made for the 1966 Summer Camp season. Consisting of five different camp site opportunities, the 1966 program will feature "BIBLE" Camps again this year.

There will be two different speakers this year. Reverend Bob Bradford, together with a whole family of puppets will be the special speaker at Bethany Camp. Bradford was the speaker there in the 1964 camps and many parents and pastors—prompted by campers from their churches—have asked that Bob be invited back.



Reverend Harry Leacock of Turlock, a nationally known children's worker, will speak at the two Lassen Camps and at the new camp at Silver Spur Lodge near Sonora. Leacock combines a deep Pentecostal commitment with the insights he has gained as a public school teacher.

Redwood Camp is selecting its own speaker, but the camp will be assisted by the Department of Christian Education.

Places, prices, and other information appeared in the May issue of *Glad Tidings* and information together with registration forms have been sent to each church in quantity.



HOWARD & BRUTON YOUTH CAMP SPEAKERS

One of the most popular speakers in recent youth camps has been Rick Howard, who was featured in three of the 1964 camps. He returns this year for three more camps, as noted on this page.

Rick has had a varied ministry in youth work. He was Youth for Christ director in Memphis, Tenn., and minister of youth in North Hollywood before entering the full-time evangelistic field, majoring in "Teenamics" Crusades. Currently he is the director of the College Division of the National C.A. Department, in Springfield, Mo., and has served during the past year as director of student life at Evangel College.

Paul Bruton, Jr., has ministered extensively in youth activity in Northern California and Nevada, and is slated to speak at the Silver Spur and Lake Tahoe camps.

A former youth evangelist, he has been minister of youth in both Full Gospel Temple, Richmond, and Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco. One year ago he assumed the pastorate of the La Mesa Assembly of God in Southern California. For two years he was the Peninsula sectional C.A. representative, and was active in the Youth Missions Mobilized and Youth Ministers divisions of the district C.A. Department.

Top 5 Supporters Of Nat'l. Servicemen's Div.

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San Leandro, Haven of Rest	\$110.00
Roseville, First	75.00
San Bruno, Assembly	25.00
Kerman, Grace & Truth	20.00
San Francisco, Glad Tidings	20.00

Other district churches regularly supporting this ministry include: Benicia, Colusa, El Cerrito, Garberville, Marysville (Linda), Menlo Park, North Highlands, Oakdale, Oakland (Calvary), Pacific Grove, Petaluma, Santa Cruz (First), Santa Rosa (First), South San Francisco, and Vallejo (First).

For the third consecutive year our district ranked first in the nation in giving to the national Servicemen's Division, with a total of \$2,892.62 given in 1965. This includes \$1,363.20 from individuals, the balance being from churches.

Please give on Servicemen's Day (July 3) to the work of the national Servicemen's Division.



CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

STEPHEN ASMUTH
President



NATIONAL SERVICE MEN'S DAY - JULY 3

SERVICEMEN'S CENTER FOR FORT ORD . . .

A challenge has recently been presented our district at Fort Ord Army Base. According to newspaper reports, there is a constant turnover of 1,000 recruits passing through this base every week, following the completion of their basic training period. Our Assembly of God chaplain stationed at Fort Ord, Major James Cotton, has initiated Thursday evening full gospel services, which are being enjoyed, not only by our own Assembly of God young men stationed there, but also by a goodly number of servicemen from other denominations. There are approximately one hundred Assemblies of God young men in basic training, and about 50 in advanced individual training. Both of these training units cover a period of 8 weeks.

Pastor James Storey and the congregation of the Marina Assembly of God are opening the facilities of their church to establish a servicemen's center, open on weekends and

selected evenings throughout the week. This center will provide supervised activity for servicemen who wish to take a few hours off base and relax in a Christian atmosphere. Much counseling and evangelism can be done in an environment such as this.

Supervised by a committee in the district C.A. department, the newly-established servicemen's center can be supported by churches and individuals who wish to designate offerings for this project. Contributions may be sent to the district office, or National Servicemen's Division, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Mo., designated for the Fort Ord Servicemen's Center. Also needed are lounge chairs, tables, lamps, books and other items which will provide a "home-type" atmosphere within the educational unit of the church. Anyone having items to donate to the center should contact either Pastor Storey or Steve Asmuth, D-CAP.



A Fort Ord chapel was filled with young people for the Jan. 10th Coast Counties sectional C.A. rally.



Enjoying refreshments after the rally were Larry Beebe (left), sectional representative; Chaplain (Major) Jim Cotton; Denny Davis, rally speaker; and James Storey, local Marina pastor.

LET'S GO TO SUMMER CAMP! Plan Now for ONE FABULOUS WEEK at Camp

DATE	PLACE	NEAR	AGES	COST*	SPEAKER
July 18-23	Bethany Park Jr. Hi	Santa Cruz	12-14	\$25.00	Rick Howard
July 18-23	Redwood	Eureka	12-19	19.00	Don Annas
July 25-30	Bethany Park Sr. Hi	Santa Cruz	15-19	26.00	Rick Howard
Aug. 1-6	Mt. Lassen Sr. Hi	Mineral	15-19	21.00	Rick Howard
Aug. 15-20	Silver Spur	Sonora	12-19	26.00	Paul Bruton, Jr.
Aug. 22-27	Lake Tahoe	Stateline	12-19	26.00	Paul Bruton, Jr.

*\$2.00 Discount for Pre-Registration - At least 10 days prior to opening of camp.

ACROSS THE NATION AROUND THE WORLD
REVIVALTIME

"REVIVALTIME" now goes into Viet Nam each week (for \$35.00 per week). There are no closed doors to radio - only limited funds. SUPPORT REVIVALTIME on a regular monthly basis.

**TOP DISTRICT CHURCHES
FOR MARCH**

San Jose, Bethel
San Jose, First A/G
Las Vegas, Trinity
Oroville, First.

GREAT INCREASE IN MARCH . . . 108 of our District Churches contributed to REVIVALTIME during the month of MARCH. This is 32%. Is your ASSEMBLY in this number?

GALT . . .

Bethel Temple recently held dedication services on April 17 and 18. The occasion was the complete remodeling of the sanctuary and re-decorating of the educational unit. The remodeling consisted of new air-conditioning and heating unit, wall-to-wall carpeting in the sanctuary, new upholstered pews, new lighting and painting.

Speakers were District Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart who brought the special dedicatory message on Sunday morning. Rev. Fred Greve ministered on Sunday evening. A special Sectional Men's Fellowship and Royal Rangers Rally was



PASTOR AND MRS. MEL WOODS, Melanie and Tyson are pictured on the occasion of the dedication of the new facilities of the Assembly which were conducted by Supt. Joseph L. Gerhart.

conducted on Monday evening with Ed Cole as speaker. Special guests to attend were the Mayor, Mr. Beiderman, Chamber of Commerce President, Mr. La Vine and other businessmen of the city of Galt.

Pastor Mel Woods and the congregation are praising God for a good substantial growth in attendance.

This summer . . .

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your season of rest and
relaxation and the whole
year that follows will
show it!*

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CAMP MEETING

**JULY 1-10
1966**

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Evangelist

REV. GEORGE ELROD
Bible Teacher

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CAMP MEETING

JULY 6-17, 1966

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Evangelist

HOWARD S. BUSH
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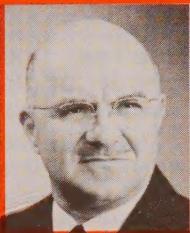
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BETHANAIRE TO TOUR

THIS SUMMER

Dr. Cordas C. Burnett, President of Bethany Bible College, recently announced the names of this year's Bethanaires, the music group that will travel some 10,000 miles representing the college. They are standing in front, left to right: Miss Pat McDaris, Taft, California; Miss Jolane Jose, Portland, Oregon. Back row: Mr. Ron Anderson, San Francisco; Mr. David Hooker, Woodland; and Mr. Ron Shaw, Calcutta, India.



Each year a similar Bethanaire group, accompanied with a faculty member, travels on behalf of the college. This year faculty members traveling with the group will be the Reverend Dave Peters, Director of Music of the college; the Reverend Kenneth Olson, Public Relations Director, and the Reverend Elmer Kirsch, Dean of Students. The group anticipates traveling primarily on the West Coast and as far east as Colorado and Wyoming.

HAYFORK . . .

Pastor Melburn L. Fuller reports a good two weeks' meeting conducted by Reverend Fred Briley. Several were saved and others received the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

WATSONVILLE . . .

The Rev. Robert G. Florence of the Pajaro Assembly has accepted a post as pastor of a Bakersfield church. Brother and Sister Florence came to the Pajaro Assembly in the Fall of 1961 and have seen a great deal of progress both in the building facilities and the spiritual development of the Assembly during their years of faithful ministry. In addition to pastoring the church, Brother Florence has served as President of the Watsonville Evangelical Pastors' Association for the last 18 months. For the last 2½ years, he has conducted a gospel music program which has been aired over Radio KOMY. Sponsored by Watsonville merchants, its purpose was to encourage church attendance on the part of Pajaro Valley citizens.

**REV. ROBERT G.
FLORENCE**



MENS FELLOWSHIP

E. L. COLE
President



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Phil Sondeno has announced the appointment of Mr. Gene Roe as National Vice-President Regionally for the National Council of Light for the Lost. Our congratulations to Brother Roe.

Rev. Burton Pierce, National Secretary of Men's Fellowship, announced his resignation at the National MF Seminar in Springfield in March. Directors attending presented him with a gift of appreciation.

During the six years he spent in office, Light for the Lost became a National Program, Royal Rangers

was introduced, and Action Crusades was developed. Our thanks and heartfelt appreciation to him.

Word has reached this office from Brother Bob Ried concerning his resignation as District Commander of Royal Rangers in Southern California. Well known in this District, he has ministered here many times and will be an instructor during A.C.T.S. and also instructing the "Counselling" Course for Sectional Commander of this district during the first part of June.

ROYAL RANGER RALLY

Evangelist John McPherson was the speaker for the recent Triple-R meeting of the Sacramento Valley Section. One hundred and fifty or

GRIDLEY: MEN'S FELLOWSHIP REPORT

The Men's Fellowship of the Assembly of God Church in Gridley was organized in 1954 and received a charter from Springfield, Mo. on October 30, 1958. The men have chosen the first Friday of each month for their general meeting beginning with a pot luck dinner at 7 P.M.

After a short business meeting a visiting minister or Christian business layman brings a message from the Word of God. The second Friday of each month finds the men conducting a service and giving an offering for the Twin Cities Rescue Mission at Marysville. This service has been most rewarding for many men have found Christ as their personal Savior.

Other activities have been to send youth to their camps at Mt. Lassen, purchasing a suit of clothes for a home missionary, contributing clothing and food to needy families. Projects for 1966 are to continue sponsoring the Royal Rangers under the leadership of Bob Davis and Bill Callaway, building up a relief fund and contributing towards a food commissary for the needy.

The men at Gridley find it a real pleasure and blessing to be a part of so wonderful an organization as the Men's Fellowship. Officers this year are Nick Lanni, president, Darold Peters, vice president and Woodrow Pennington, secretary-treasurer. Louis L. Roggow is pastor of the church.



DATE LINES

June 23-25 there will be a Tri-Sectional Rally for Royal Rangers at Mt. Lassen Camp. Mr. Art Thompson of Chico, California, is coordinator.

July 3 in the afternoon will be the MF Service at Mt. Lassen Camp.

July 10 in the afternoon is the MF Service at Redwood Camp.

July 1-10 at the Santa Cruz Camp there will be MF Vespers each evening in classroom #1 behind the Redwood Auditorium.

October 1 in the Oakland Civic Theatre will be the annual "Assemblies' Convention" . . . R. A. Gaglardi of British Columbia will be the speaker.

more were in attendance and ELEVEN BOYS WENT FORWARD FOR SALVATION.

Max Nungesser, Deputy District Commander, and Mr. Lyle Romack, Acting Sectional Commander co-ordinated the entire event. Classified as one of the finest events of its kind the success of the meeting was spelled out in the salvation of souls.

The program that was prepared was excellent - but the criteria of the meeting was concerning the soul salvation of boys. Each commander and outpost councilman who co-operated should be commended for the fine job they performed.

God bless them all.

COLE'S CORNER

The following poem was submitted by the President of the Women's Missionary Council, Mrs. Goldia Anderson. Thanks again, ladies.

MAN'S MEASUREMENT

A man's no bigger than the way
He treats his fellow man!
This standard has his measure been
Since time itself began!
He's measured not by tithes or creed,
High-sounding though they be;
Nor by the gold that's put aside;
Nor by his sanctity!
He's measured not by social rank,
When character's the test;
Nor by his earthly pomp or show,
Displaying wealth possessed!
He's measured by his justice, right,
His fairness at his play,
His squareness in all dealings made,
His honest, upright way.
These are his measures, ever near
To serve him when they can;
For man's no bigger than the way
He treats his fellow man!

—Anon.

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WOMENS MISSIONARY COUNCIL

GOLDIA ANDERSON
President



MISSIONETTE CONVENTION REPORT

PSALM 23 was the theme of the sixth annual Missionette Convention which convened in Sacramento April 7th. It was a blessed day for the 676 registered girls and sponsors who enjoyed the full program from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Many sessions were held that endeavored to help the girls to maintain a wholesome Christian character, be more effective in soul winning and to study and memorize God's Word. One hour of departmentalized classes was conducted for each age group. The staff included:

Mrs. Billie Davis, Mrs. Violet Pipkin, Mrs. Gwen Weising, Mrs. Carol Guido, Miss Becky Van Dalen, Mrs. Jeannette Asmuth, Miss Rene Bowen, Mrs. Laura Wilson, Mrs. Mary Pellicano, Miss Dottie Patton, Miss Sharon Wilson, Mrs. Bonnie Argue, Mrs. Nancy Cole, Mrs. Judi Mitchell, Mrs. Pat Argue, Mrs. Theda Oats, Mrs. Joanne Williams, Mrs. Marilyn Kramar, Mrs. Beth Vian, Mrs. Elizabeth Gomes, Mrs. Barbara Forrest, Mrs. Judi Schultz, Rev. and Mrs. Truvon Rogers, Mrs. Pearl Stump; Trio—The Disciples Three.



The DIME PARADE was one highlight of the DAY in which 26 projects were shown giving a total of \$959.00 in dimes for Helen Rye, a missionary now in Mexico.

Following the QUEEN & PRINCESS crowning, the convention transferred to the El Dorado Hotel for the banquets where Tommy Hernandez Jr. and Violet and Janice Pipkin provided special music. Charlotte Grams, a missionary to Brazil, spoke at the Junior Missionette Banquet on "Dedicating Your Life to Christ." Ruth Gerhart spoke at the Senior Missionette Banquet on "What Are You Becoming?"

1.

Crowned Queen by Goldia Anderson was CAROLINE WILSON of Oroville, First Assembly. Mrs. Nadine Wilson is her Missionette Sponsor and Rev. Jesse W. Wilkinson is her pastor. Her runnerups were Karen Sue Christian of Auburn, First Assembly, and Wanda Ravan of Oakland, Bethel Assembly. The Queen is the Missionette from a Senior Club who had the most points from the specified work since July 1. A test was given over Acts, Romans, and Psalms at the Convention to help determine the total number of points. Queen Caroline won with 70,900 points!

2.

Crowned Princess by Goldia Anderson was CINDY DUCK from the Eastside Assembly in Stockton. Her sponsor is Mrs. Pat Banker and her pastor is Rev. Paul Keil. Her runnerups were Helen Van Wey of Redwood City and Debbie Brumley of Gridley. The Princess is the Missionette from a Junior Club who had the most points from specified work since July 1. Their test was over the books of Genesis and Exodus. Princess Cindy won with 67,000 points!

3.

Queen Caroline Wilson and Princess Cindy Duck with their runnerups in the Court. Following the crowning ceremony, seven year old Tommy Hernandez, Jr., sang "The Lord's Prayer." The Queen and Princess received a large picture of the "Good Shepherd" with an ornate frame. Her runnerups received smaller pictures of the "Good Shepherd."

4.

A beautiful picture of the "Good Shepherd" was presented by District Missionette Director, Willa Vae Bowles, to Mrs. Darlyene Basham, Missionette coordinator of the Redwood City Club, for having the project with the most money. This Club gave \$250.00.

5.

The FIRST PRIZE trophy for the Prettiest Dime Project was presented to Mrs. Beth Vian, sponsor at Bethel Temple, Sacramento. Their Project depicted two phrases from Psalm 23: a glittered cup filled with dimes running over to many countries and "I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

6.

The FIRST PRIZE trophy for the MOST ORIGINAL Dime Project was presented to Mrs. Nadine Looper, sponsor at the Assembly of God in Alturas. Their Project depicted "He Leadeth Me In The Paths of Righteousness." A Missionette is shown walking down a path and comes to the crossroads of decision. She lets the Lord lead her on a path made of shiny dimes to a beautiful flower garden. The other path was made of fake coins leading to a burned patch of debris.

7.

The FIRST PRIZE trophy for the Dime Project which best DEVELOPED THE THEME - Psalm 23, was presented to Mrs. Dorothy Harrell, sponsor at the First Assembly of God in Fremont.

CAMPUS DAY AT BETHANY . . .

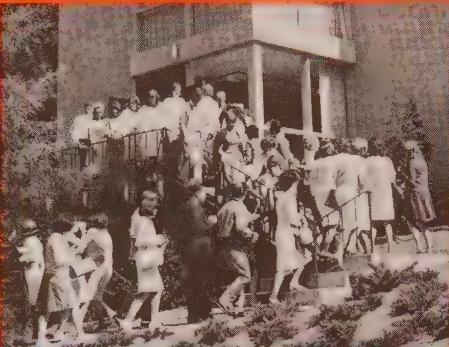
On Saturday, April 30, over 500 guests converged on Bethany's campus for the annual "open house" at the college. The guests came from many parts in California, and as far away as Albany, Oregon and Las Vegas, Nevada. Here are a few scenes from the day's activities:

CLASS SESSIONS



Norman Arnesen teaches a class on Christian Maturity.

CAMPUS TOUR



The Men's Dorm gets an inspection.



Reino Tilus illustrates one of various types of art.



Guests enjoy mid-morning refreshments.



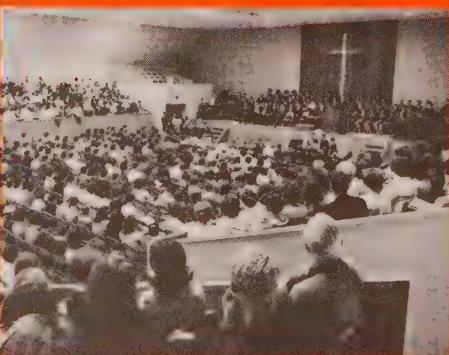
Dave Peters tells students of opportunities in sacred music.



The tour is over, it's time for Chapel.



Student guides point out spots of interest.



The record number of guests gather for Chapel in the Redwood Auditorium.

MORE CHURCH NEWS

FROM PAGE FOUR

WEED CHURCH NEWS . . .

A spirit of revival began in our Assembly at the first of the year through the study course, "So Send I You." The course was given on Sunday nights with the whole church participating. On the last night of the course a number made calls on prospects and two ladies were brought in who later gave their hearts to the Lord the same evening.

In April, Evangelist and Mrs. Donald Abbot conducted a very successful revival. They were with us ten days and several were saved and four received the Baptism. A number were refilled and others testified to healings.

Reverend Abbott's experiences in the Teen Challenge ministry enabled them to be a special blessing to our young people. Our Assembly has received lasting blessings from these services.

Pastor Arden Rasgdale

TO CANADA . . .

We have enjoyed the past nine months of ministry as Assistant Pastor of the San Rafael Assembly. Recently we received an invitation to pastor the church at Alert Bay, B. C., Canada. Feeling this to be the will of God, we have accepted the call and will be leaving Northern California the last of May for our new charge.

Rev. and Mrs. Randall L. Wood
HOOPA . . .

Pastor Mack Lancaster reports a good increase in Sunday School attendance. He has just recently become the Pastor of this Assembly.

KAHULUI, MAUI, HAWAII . . .

Evangelist and Mrs. V. T. Eldridge have been in good meetings with Pastor and Mrs. Glen McColister. The Eldridges expect to remain in the Islands to conduct revival meetings in a number of the Assemblies.

PETALUMA . . .

"We are praising God for the marvelous move of His Spirit we are experiencing here in First Assembly. Two have been saved, one reclaimed, three baptized in the Holy Spirit. We have also had the privilege of baptizing six in water. In addition to this God has been very gracious in granting His healing power in the bodies of several."

Pastor Jim Carlton

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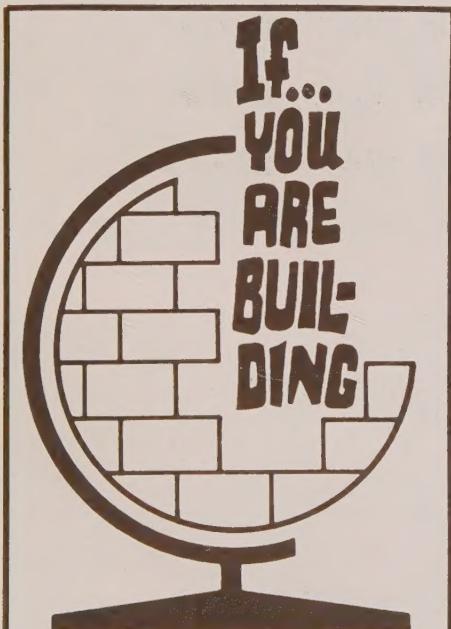
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We wish to express our sympathy to Reverend Stephen Asmuth and other members of the family in the loss of their Mother on May 3, 1966, in Santa Cruz. Mrs. Asmuth had been ill for quite some time and was joyously awaiting her entrance into the presence of her Saviour and Lord.

On April 26, 1966, Mrs. J. W. Belchar went to be with the Lord whom she has served so very faithfully for many, many years. She and her husband, Reverend J. W. Belchar, are well known and loved in the Northern California District. We extend our sincere sympathy to Brother Belchar and members of the family.



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DON and RUBY McMURRAY



At the recent 9th General Council of the Malaya Fellowship, Missionary Don McMurray was elected to serve as the District Superintendent. Congratulations, Don!

LODI C.A.'s - 100%

CONGRATULATIONS to the Lodi C.A. group, one of the eight C.A. groups across America that rated 100% on their 1965 GOAL Scorecard. President is Leland Brodehl, youth minister is Ed Weising, and pastor is Gene Forrest.

Eighth Pentecostal World Conference will be held for the first time in the 'New Continent', in the land of the Southern Cross—Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, July 18-23, 1967. Rev. Thomas Zimmerman is the Chairman for the Conference.

HOME MISSIONS TOUR

A four day tour of the north coastal area was made by a group of the District Home Missions Board the last week in April. Most of the home missions churches were visited and pastors able to present their particular problems. Since some of the men had not visited this area previously it was most informative and all were impressed by the dedication of our home missions pastors. Making the trip were: Jack Wien, Ray Oliver, Leroy Cloud, Gene Fields, Wm. Vickery and R. A. Wilson. Services were held in Clear Lake Highlands, Klamath and Weaverville.

Lela Folkers . . .

Lela Folkers is back in India after a short visit with her parents in the States. She writes that the food shortage in many areas of India is acute. So far Woodstock School has fared satisfactorily, and they are looking to God for His continued supply for the children. Lela states, "One thing that impressed me greatly when I was home last winter . . . it seems that everyone has so much, even more than they need. What a rich life, but with all our blessings comes a responsibility. In Luke 12:48 we read, 'For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required.' How much shall be required of us?" (We are sure that Lela and the Staff at Woodstock would appreciate your prayers for them during these trying days.)

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HOW COULD IT BE?

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tricked Adam and Eve into sin; and then consider that He threatens me with eternal hell unless I worship Him, I am more and more determined to go there rather than surrender to the bribe of heaven. You challenged me to accept Christ in your last letter. I have nothing against Jesus as a person except that He is the son of a tricky, untrustworthy father. If this story of the fall is true, He would trick me as quickly as He did Adam and Eve. How Jesus got mixed up in anything like that, I don't know. It seems God did things behind his back."

Dishonest soul? Perhaps, and yet she claims to be seeking truth. Deceived? Yes, and lacking in understanding of the true nature of the God revealed in the Bible and in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

VALUES

Now let us look at some of the values which are to be found in man's creation and his endowment with the power of choice. First, the value of human personality. God made man "in His own image and likeness" and left an amazing deposit of His own nature, wisdom and power in His creature. Witness the wisdom, genius and creative potential even in fallen man exhibited in his achievements through the centuries. Particularly is this true in our day of "increased knowledge" (Dan. 12:4)—atomic fission, space flight, the laser, electronics, etc. What a deposit resident in the 1500 cc's of gray matter that constitutes the human brain! No wonder our Lord said, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" All these potentialities of personality will be lost through failure in the most important consideration of all, man's harmonious relationship with His Creator and Lord.

This value of human personality is why God could go to such lengths as the incarnation and sacrifice of His Son, to recover that "image," though marred in the fall by man himself and to salvage it from complete and final ruin and loss. The establishment of man in final harmonious relation and fellowship with the Creator is worth all it cost God.

Then, there is the value, both to man himself and to the Creator, of man's constitution as a free moral agent. The power of choice is the highest endowment, as we have

stated, that God could confer upon man. He might have created him in perpetual innocence, but then man would have been a mere puppet, like the marionettes moved about by the strings of the puppeteer.

But God could have no delight in a race of beings fixed as to character by divine decree and moved by Him with no power of response or choice. When free will is used for the glory of God and in loving obedience and response to Him, it makes for the most valuable achievement in the universe, CHARACTER, approved through test. Man receives fullest blessing, even freedom, through this response; and God's loving heart is satisfied, for His very nature appreciates this response.

May I give a homely illustration from my youthful days. As a little boy I prized among my toys my wooden soldiers, which I set up in battle array on the living room floor and then knocked over with a ball, shot from a wooden cannon, propelled by a plunger and rubber band. Down they went! Up again, they were arranged, to be knocked over repeatedly. Finally one day I said to mother, "I'm tired of my sojers; I want something alive to play with." So my folks gave me a beautiful setter puppy, which I loved dearly, but which I almost killed by ignorant kindness. I would drop him out of my arms to the floor or handle him too roughly, so they gave him to my uncle, who reared him to become a beautiful animal.

Then came the day in all boys' lives—school, playmates, the "fellows;" with whom I romped, played games and enjoyed the mutual responses and glad fellowship which our nature craves. The toys were left behind. I had found what satisfied—the fellows (fellowship).

God's heart is no different. His infinite emotional being, of which ours is the reflection, is satisfied only with man's response, his faith, his obedience, and his fellowship.

REDEMPTION

So when man fell the heart of God was grieved. He missed that loving response. He missed that fellowship with our first parents, for He sought them out and summoned Adam—"Adam, where art thou?"

The redemptive plan of God be-

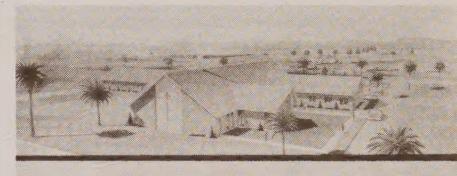
MORGAN HILL . . .

Sunday morning, March 13th, was an historic day, as some 200 of the congregation gathered on the new church property for the groundbreaking services.

Construction will be of concrete block with a full brick and stone exterior. The sanctuary will seat over 400 and the educational unit will have space for 500. Also included in the plans is a large social hall that can be used for receptions and church dinners. Off-street parking will be provided to handle the many cars.

The present building which has been in use for 37 years is now packed to more than capacity. Easter Sunday Morning a new Sunday School record of 326 was established.

Pastor Don Argue



gins to unfold in Bible history until, "in the fullness of time," God sent forth His Son to be incarnate in our humanity. He, too, had to be tested to the utmost. Hebrews 2:17,18; 4:15; Matt. 4:1-11. By His perfect trust in the Father, by His complete obedience to Him, even to the death of the cross—"Lo, I come to do thy will, O God"—He purchased our redemption. Being perfected in obedience to God through sufferings (Heb. 5:8), He became the author (source) of eternal salvation to all who obey Him (Heb. 5:9).

He also became the pioneer and perfecter of *faith* (Heb. 13:2) as a principle of life acceptable to God (Heb. 11:6) in the triumph of the cross. There is now a MAN in the glory, the God-man to whom we can look for mercy, inspiration, encouragement, succour, and grace for every crisis of life. Heb. 2:18; 4:16; 12:2.

What a wonderful Savior is our incomparable Lord Jesus Christ!



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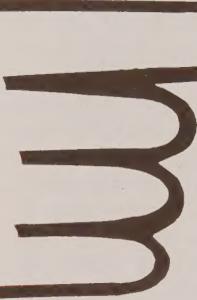
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